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SUBJ: CIVAIR: AIR CONTROLLERS TO SIGN COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT
FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF NEW AIR REGULATIONS

1. GOC ISSUED NEW ATC REGULATIONS ON JULY 23 THAT
REQUIRE USE OF ENGLISH TO TRANSMIT OR RESPOND TO
"ADVISORY SERVICES OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CLEARANCES,
INSTRUCTIONS OR PROCEDURES" THROUGHOUT CANADA EXCEPT
AT SIX SMALL AIRPORTS IN QUEBEC AND IN EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS WHERE COMMUNICATION IN FRENCH WILL
CONTINUE TO BE PERMITTED. THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL
SPECIFICALLY AFFECT THE MAJOR QUEBEC AIRPORTS WHERE
THERE HAS BEEN A SHARP DISPUTE OVER FRENCH USAGE
BETWEEN ANGLOPHONE AND FRANCOPHONE AIR CONTROLLERS
THAT HAS LED TO REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER BY MANY
UNILINGUAL ENGLISH SPEAKING CONTROLLERS. CANADIAN
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER ASSOCIATION (CATCA) PRESIDENT
LIVINGSTON, WHO ALONG WITH THE PILOTS ASSOCIATION
HAD PRESSED FOR NEW REGULATIONS, TOLD LABATT THAT
THEY ARE FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO CATCA. IN WAKE OF
THIS "VICTORY", UNION EXECUTIVE JUST AUTHORIZED
LIVINGSTON TO SIGN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.
NEW ONE YEAR CONTRACT RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1 HAD
BEEN RETIFIED BY MEMBERSHIP SOME TIME AGO BUT WAS
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NOT SIGNED PENDING ISSUANCE OF NEW REGULATIONS.

2. NEW RULES ARE SETBACK FOR ASSOCIATION DE GENS
DE L'AIR WHOSE PRESIDENT DEMERS HAD REPORTEDLY
INFORMED TRANSPORT MIN LANG THAT HIS ORGANIZATION
MAY CHALLENGE THEM AS BEING UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND
ILLEGAL UNDER OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT.

3. NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE POUCHED TO CAB, FAA,
STATE (EB/OA) AND (EUR/CAN).

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GOC PLANS TO EXTEND USE OF
FRENCH EVENTUALLY ONCE SAFE ATC PROCEDURES ARE
DEVELOPED, THE STRICT LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN
NEW REGULATIONS WILL NOT APPEASE FRANCOPHONES AND
THEREFORE ARE UNLIKELY TO EASE POLITICAL TENSION
SURROUNDING BILINGUAL ISSUE.
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